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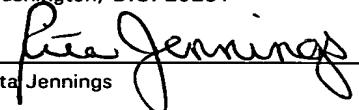
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a Request under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) to file a Continued Prosecution Application of Serial No. 09/484,484, filed January 18, 2000, in response to the Office Action, mailed January 15, 2001. Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:


Please cancel claims 1-5, 8, 12, 13, 18, 19, 23, 24, 27, 28, 30, 33-38, 41-44 and 46 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 6, 7, 9, 10, 17, 22, 29, 31, 32, 39, 40, 45 and 47-49 as follows (a marked up copy of the amended claims is attached to this Preliminary Amendment):

6. (Amended) A liquid-phase carrier (LPC) that has formulae (I):